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Amendment

Amendments To The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph as filed in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES at page 6, lines 11-12 with the following amended paragraph:

A1 ~~Fig. 5 is an~~ Figs. 5 and 5A enlarged, fragmentary, radial cross-sectional view
views of the assembled nut and bolt fastener system, chainrings, and crank from Fig. 4.

Please replace the paragraph in the Specification as filed at page 8, beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

A2 In Fig. 5 it can be seen that the tool interface 58 in the nut 50 is not as deep as the tool interface 46 in bolt 40. This is a result of maximizing the number of threads 44 in engagement with corresponding threads 56. The tool interface 58 in nut 50 is a hexagonal shape similar to that in the bolt 40, but with the distance across the flat surfaces of the hexagon being equal to 6mm. In this manner, even though the tool engagement depth for the nut 50 is not as deep as that for the bolt 40, the larger tool size results in a torque capacity for the nut 50 equal to that for the bolt 40. Thus, either the bolt 40 or nut 50 may be rotated relative to the other to achieve the proper fastener tension in the assembly. Fig. 5A depicts an enlarged, fragmentary, radial cross-sectional view of the assembled nut and bolt fastener system, chainrings, and crank from Fig. 5 where the tool interface 46 of the bolt 40 faces outside or towards the crank handle. Further, in Fig. 5A, the tool interface 58 of the nut 50 is substantially the same size as the tool interface 46 of bolt 40.